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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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Frederick Schultz,
Plaintiff,

V.

### CIVIL ACTION NUMBER:

Marina District Development
Corporation, LLC, Marina District
Development Holding, Co, LLC,
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa,
Boyd Gaming Corporation, MGM Resorts
International Corporation, John
Doe Nos. 1-5, (fictitious
named defendants), and ABC Corp.
Nos. 1-5 (fictitious named defendants),
Defendants.

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## COMPLAINT, JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff Frederick Schultz, residing at 1663 East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Brooklyn, State of New York, by way of Complaint against Defendants Marina District Development Corporation, LLC, (a New Jersey Corporation), Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa (a New Jersey Corporation or a trade name for a New Jersey Corporation), Marina District Development Holding, Co., LLC (a New Jersey Corporation)

Boyd Gaming Corporation (a Nevada Corporation), MGM Resorts International Corporation (a Delaware Corporation), and John Doe Nos. 1-5 (fictitious names, as the true identity of these Defendants is not yet known) and ABC Corp. Nos. 1-5 (fictitious names, as the true identity of these Defendants is not yet known), says:

## JURISDICTION & VENUE

- 1. Jurisdiction is proper by way of diversity. Plaintiff is citizen of the State of New York and the Defendants are citizens of the States of New Jersey, Nevada and Delaware.
- 2. In addition, the amount in controversy for Plaintiff exceeds \$75,000.00 exclusive of interest or costs and therefore jurisdiction is further proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1332(b).
- 3. Defendant MGM Resorts International's registered agent is located in Mercer County, New Jersey. Additionally, all of the corporate defendants conduct business throughout the State of New Jersey, including Essex County, New Jersey. Plaintiff seeks this case to be venued in Newark.

### FIRST COUNT

1. On or about July 17, 2009, Frederick Schultz, was a patron

at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Borgata") located at or about One Borgata Way, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Said Casino and Hotel was owned by any or all of the following Defendants: Marina District Development Corporation, LLC, Marina District Development Holding, Co, LLC, Boyd Gaming Corporation, MGM Resorts International Corporation or ABC Corp. No. 1.

- 2. On or about July 17, 2009, Plaintiff was participating in a poker tournament at the Borgata Hotel.
- 3. On or about July 17, 2009, while Plaintiff was sitting at the table playing poker, employees or agents of the Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa, Marina District Development Corporation, LLC, Marina District Development Corporation Holding Co., LLC, Boyd Gaming Corporation, MGM Resorts International Corporation or ABC Corp. No. 1. were physically transporting a large sign, stand or metal/steel placard through the casino.
- 4. The names of the persons transporting the sign or otherwise supervising the same is unknown to Plaintiff, so they are referred to herein as John Doe No. 1, John Doe No. 2 and John Doe No. 3.
- 5. At or about the same time, place and location, the persons transporting the sign, stand or metal/steel placard dropped the sign, stand or metal/steel placard or otherwise negligently handled the same and struck plaintiff in the head with the sign, stand or metal/steel placard.

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- 6. Plaintiff was significantly injured as a result of being struck with the object at that time.
- 7. On or about July 17, 209, Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa, Marina District Development Corporation, LLC, Marina District Development Corporation Holding Co., LLC, Boyd Gaming Corporation, MGM Resorts International Corporation or ABC Corp. No. 1. negligently maintained or operated their casino, to wit, they allowed one of their employees or agents to drop said device on Plaintiff injuring him.
- 8. As a proximate result of the aforesaid Defendants negligence, Plaintiff sustained injury to his body, incurred medical bills, and was otherwise harmed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Frederick Schultz demands judgment against Defendants Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa, Marina District Development Corporation, LLC, Marina District Development Corporation Holding Co., LLC, Boyd Gaming Corporation, MGM Resorts International Corporation, ABC Corp. No. 1., John Doe Nos. 1-5, ABC Corp. Nos. 2-5 for compensatory damages, interest, attorney's fees, costs of suits and for all other relief that the Court may deem warranted.

#### JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff Frederick Schultz demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: 5/16/11

John M.

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### CERTIFICATION

I am not aware of any other case arising out of the facts stated herein or any other matter which may be brought as a result of the facts stated.

John M. Burke, Esq.

Dated: 5/16/11

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDANTS		
Frederick Schultz			Marina District Development Corp., LLC		
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Kings County, NY			County of Residence of	of First Listed Defendant	Atlantic
(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, Telephone Number and Email Address)			NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE		
Koles, Burke & Bustillo, LLP 2600 Kennedy Boulevard Suite 1K Jersey City, NJ 07306			LAND INVOLVED.  Attorneys (If Known)		
II. BASIS OF JURISI	DICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)	III. CI	L TIZENSHIP OF P	PRINCIPAL PARTIES	(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION	ON Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you at 28 U.S.C 1332(b)  Brief description of cause:	re tiling (I	Do not cite jurisdictions	al statutes unless diversity):	
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VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23	N DE	EMAND S	CHECK YES only JURY DEMAND:	if demanded in complaint: : Ø Yes ☐ No
VIII. RELATED CAS	E(S) (See instructions): JUDGE			DOCKET NUMBER	
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